



Flathead Conservation District
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CALL TO ORDER & ATTENDANCE: Chairman Ronald Buentemeier called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in the conference room.

Board members present: Ronald Buentemeier, Chairman; Pete Woll, Vice Chairman; Camisha Sawtelle, Secretary/Treasurer; Mark Siderius, Supervisor; Verdell Jackson, Supervisor; being a quorum of the Board.

Board members not in attendance: John Ellis, Supervisor; Dean Sirucek, Supervisor. Absences are excused.

Also in attendance were: Valerie Kurth and Ginger Kauffman, FCD staff; Leo Rosenthal and Kenny Breidinger, MFWP; Sarah Bowman, Big Sky Watershed Corps & Flathead CD; Tara Wallen; Jamie Graham, Applied Water Consulting.

MINUTES: A spelling error was corrected on page 3. Mark Siderius made a motion “to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2016, business meeting as amended.” Verdell Jackson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Comments on the Bonneville Power Administration on the Draft Environmental Assessment for the proposed Kalispell-Kerr Transmission Line Rebuild Project between Kalispell and Polson are due March 1, 2016.
www.bpa.gov/goto/Kalispell-Kerr
2. Winter issue of Lower Musselshell CD newsletter “LMCD Conservation News”
3. January 28, 2016 National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) “Forestry Notes”
4. The 2016 MWCC Annual meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 12, 2016, 9:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M., 2668 Broadwater Avenue, Helena & Ten Mile Brewing Co in Helena. Contact Mark Ockey, MWCC & DEQ, MOckey@mt.gov
5. Whitefish Municipal Watershed Fuels Reduction Project meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 8, 5:00 P.M. – 6:30 P.M., Tally Lake Ranger District and Supervisors Office located at 650 Wolfpack Way in Kalispell. Contact Melissa Jenkins, 406-758-5200.
6. Emails from Jeff Tiberi, Montana Association of Conservation Districts (MACD), jtiberi@macdnet.org regarding:
 - CSKT Water Compact and the district court. Contact Jeff Tiberi
 - Former Montana Senator Alan Olson has been named the new Executive Director of the Montana Petroleum Association.
7. The Carter County CD & NRCS are hosting a Prescribed Grazing Workshop on February 29, 2:00 P.M. – 5:30 P.M., Ekalaka Event Center, 209 W. Speelmon St.



- Contact Stephanie Carroll at 406-775-6355, Ext. 101.
8. McCone CD is hosting an Invasive Weeds Winter Workshop, February 17, 1:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M. Contact McCone CD 406-485-2744, Ext. 100.
 9. Thank-you to Flathead CD from Montana Natural Resources Youth Camp for sponsoring two students this past summer.
 10. The Whitefish Planning Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 18, 6:00 P.M. in the Whitefish City Council Chambers at 1005 Baker Avenue.
 11. Water Quality mini-grant applications are due February 29. Contact Ann McCauley, SWCDM, 406-443-5711.
 12. A 310 Workshop is scheduled for March 8, 2016, at the Dry Prairie Rural Water building in Culbertson, MT. Contact Roosevelt County CD, 406-787-5232, Ext. 101.
 13. DNRC Reclamation & Development grant applications are due Monday, May 16, 2016. Contact Alicia Stickney, DNRC, 406-444-0547.
 14. February 3, 2016 issue of “The Montana Conservationist” includes:
 - Roosevelt CD sponsoring a 310 Workshop on March 8.
 - A bank stabilization workshop is scheduled for April 6-7 in Shelby
 - The RCAC is looking for another member
 15. Winter 2016 issue of NACD’s “Forestry Notes”
 16. Comments on the BPA EA for the Kalispell-Kerr transmission line rebuild project are due March 1, 2016. To view the EA go to www.bpa.gov/goto/KalispellKerr
 17. NACD Convention report from Steve Hedstrom, MACD

FINANCIAL: The following bills were reviewed:

1. Byte Savvy \$45.00
2. Flathead Beacon \$528.00
3. MontanaSky Networks \$20.00
4. Mountain States Leasing – Kalispell \$1545.56
5. Susan D. Hulslander \$477.00

Pete Woll made a motion “to approve the bills as presented.” Verdell Jackson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: Tara Wallen stated she had submitted a 310-permit application too late to be on the agenda, however, she needs to put in a bridge over Brown Creek to have access to her home. Pete Woll and Kenny Breidinger noted they have both received application #FL2016005. An on-site inspection was scheduled for Thursday, February 11, 9:00 AM at Mountain Brook Library.

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ANDESITE PROPERTIES, FL2016002, Flathead River, bank stabilization: Discussion held. Ronald Buentemeier made a motion “to approve the application as submitted per Ronald Buentemeier’s and Kenny Breidinger’s team member reports.” Verdell Jackson seconded. Motion carried unanimously. *Mark Siderius abstained from voting.*



DIXON, FL2015004, Whitefish River, violation: Discussion held. Pete Woll made a motion “to forward the information to the County Attorney for advice.” Mark Siderius seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

HARDY, FL2015051, Stillwater River, bank stabilization: Discussion held. Mark Siderius made a motion “to table until next month.” Pete Woll seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

JACOBSON, FL2015073, Whale Creek, debris removal/residence: Discussion held. Ronald Buentemeier made a motion “to continue to table until the snow depth goes down.” Pete Woll seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

TRUNK, FL2016001E, Mount Creek, emergency: Discussion held. Mark Siderius made a motion “to approve the emergency notice. No further action is required.” Camisha Sawtelle seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

WANGERIN, FL2016003, Flathead River, dock: An on-site inspection was set for Thursday, February 11, 10:30 A.M. at the site.

WILD GOOSE ISLAND LLC, FL2015001, Flathead River, permit ext. request: Discussion held. Ronald Buentemeier made a motion “to approve a one-year permit extension.” Mark Siderius seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

ZIEHL, FL2016004, Swan River, water diversion structure: An on-site inspection was set for Tuesday, February 23, 9:30 A.M. at the site.

NEW BUSINESS:

BSWC WATERSHED RESTORATION PLANNING GR #WMG-16-0001: Discussion held. Mark Siderius made a motion “to approve and sign BSWC Watershed Restoration Planning Grant Agreement #WMG-16-0001.” Pete Woll seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

KRAUSE CREEK WATERSHED PLANNING CONTRACT: Discussion held. Mark Sideirus made a motion “to approve and sign the Krause Creek Watershed Planning contract.” Camisha Sawtelle seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

WLI LETTER OF SUPPORT: Valerie reported she had received a request from Whitefish Lake Institute for a letter of support for an FWP Trails Program Grant to support maintenance and educational materials for Whitefish Lake Institute’s “Living Wetlands Interpretive Nature Trail.” Discussion held. Pete Woll made a motion “to approve the letter of support from Valerie Kurth for the “Living Wetlands Interpretive Nature Trail.” Mark Sideirus seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

FLATHEAD RIVER COMMISSION SUPPLIES REQUEST: Discussion held. Mark Sideirus made a motion “to have staff purchase the ink & paper, as requested, for the Flathead River Commission.” Verdell Jackson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.



MACD COMMITTEES: Discussion held on confusion at the last Flathead CD meeting regarding email requests.

In the 1/6/2016 email, MACD was requesting feedback from districts, via a survey (due before the MACD 1/27 board meeting), on the makeup, composition, terms and selection of a Board of Directors for SWCDM.

In the 1/20/2016 email, MACD was asking for MACD committee nominations. MACD by-laws were attached to give possible committee members some direction, but no feedback about MACD by-laws was requested.

Mark Siderius made a motion “to rescind the motion made at the 1/25/2016 meeting regarding MACD by-laws.” Pete Woll seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Camisha Sawtelle made a motion “to submit John Ellis’s name for the district operations committee, with no other nominations from this board.” Mark Siderius seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

MATTERS OF THE BOARD/STAFF

- **310 FOLLOW-UPS**
- **CPA LETTER OF ENGAGEMENT UPDATE**
- **WATERSHED RESTORATION PLANNING MEETING, Thursday, February, 25, 2016 @FWP**

PERSONNEL: Discussion held. Ronald Buentemeier made a motion “the district has received a letter from Kari Musgrove notifying the district of her intent to resign as of 2/19/2016. It is the board’s decision to pay her for this week & next week, in addition to any unused annual vacation leave according to the Personnel Policy, in addition to the Personnel Policy regarding the sick leave pay. Her health benefits will go through the time period they are paid for. In addition, the paperwork will be forwarded to Kari regarding the retirement plan. The board hereby accepts her resignation as of 2/8/2016.” Mark Siderius seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The next 310-meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 22, 2016, 7:00 P.M. in the conference room of the USDA building at 133 Interstate Lane, Kalispell.

ADJOURNMENT: Mark Siderius made a motion “to adjourn.” Camisha Sawtelle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

Submitted By: Ginger Kauffman, Administrator

Minutes approved by FCD Board motion made on:

2/22/2016 Ronald Buentemeier Chairman
(Date) (Signature) (Title - Chairman, Vice-Chairman, etc.)

